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SUMMARY: PROSPECTS FOR THE NEAR FUTURE ARE THAT THE ADMINISTRATION OF COLORED AFFAIRS WILL PROCEED ROUTINELY UNDER MRS. JANSEN WITH THE REAL DECISIONS COMING FROM THE WHITE-LED ESTABLISHMENT. THE CRC WILL PROBABLY REMAIN INACTIVE FOR THE TIME BEING. COLORED POLITICS WILL CENTER ON THE LABOR PARTY'S PROGRAM TO STRENGTHEN ITS POPULAR SUPPORT AND THE FEDERAL PARTY'S EFFORTS TO DEFINE ITS OWN POSITION. END SUMMARY.

1. WITH LABOR PARTY LEADERS OUT OF THE CRC EXECUTIVE AND MRS. JANSEN INSTALLED AS ITS SOLE MEMBER, FOLLOWING ARE PROSPECTS FOR COLORED POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

2. LEON AND JKS LIEUTENANTS HAVE DECLARED THEIR INTENTION TO PUT THEIR CASE BEFORE THE ELECTORATE. THEY WILL PROBABLY MOVE AROUND THE COUNTRY ADDRESSING PARTY RALLIES AND SEEKING TO INCREASE POPULAR SUPPORT FOR THEIR POLICY OF CONFRONTATION.

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EM FEDERAL PARTY LEADERS HAVE DONE LITTLE MORE THAN ATTACK POSI-

TION TAKEN BY LABOR PARTY LEADERS AS RECKLESS. THEIR DILEMMA IS IN CHOOSING A POSITIVE ALTERNATIVE THAT DOES NOT PERPETUATE THEIR OLD IMAGE OF BEING AN INSTRUMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY OF SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT.

4. MRS. JANSEN HAS INDICATED THAT SHE INTENDS TO WORK WITH THE GOVERNMENT TO INSURE AS SMOOTH A STEWARDSHIP OF COLORED AFFAIRS AS POSSIBLE. IN ADDITION TO HER PHILOSOPHY OF NEGOTIATION AND CO-OPERATION (REFTEL PARA 4), SHE HAS HAD CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OVER THE PAST 18 YEARS. AS WILL BE NOTED FROM MINISTER VAN DER MERWE'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF HER APPOINTMENT (CAPE TOWN A-119) SHE JOINED THE PUBLIC SERVICE AS A LIAISON OFFICER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COLORED AFFAIRS IN 1957 AND IN 1964 WAS APPOINTED AN INFORMATION OFFICER IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION. SHE RESIGNED FROM THAT POSITION IN APRIL OF THIS YEAR WHEN SHE WAS NOMINATED TO THE CRC. IT IS ASSUMED THAT SHE HAS RETAINED CLOSE ASSOCIATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENTAL ESTABLISHMENT.

5. IN THE ABSENCE OF THE OTHER FOUR MEMBERS OF THE CRC EXECUTIVE (WHO CAN ONLY BE REPLACED BY THE CRC WHEN IT IS IN SESSION) MRS. JANSEN CAN DELEGATE, AND PROBABLY ALREADY HAS DELEGATED, THEIR POWERS TO THE HEADS OF THE VARIOUS DIRECTORATES IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF COLORED AFFAIRS.

6. THE MINISTER OF COLORED AFFAIRS MAY WELL FEEL THAT THE PRESENT SET-UP IS AN ACCEPTABLE INTERIM ARRANGEMENT. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT HE PLANS TO CALL THE CURRENT CRC BACK INTO SESSION SOON, AND THERE IS NO APPARENT NEED FOR HIM TO DO SO. MOREOVER, FOR REASONS GIVEN BY ADAMS (CAPE TOWN 0892 PARA 4), HE MAY PREFER NOT TO HAVE THE CRC IN SESSION WHILE PARLIAMENT MEETS (STARTING END OF JANUARY). HE HAS SAID THAT HE HAS NO INTENTION OF CALLING FOR EARLY ELECTIONS FOR THE NEW CRC.

7. SHORT-TERM PROSPECTS, THEN, ARE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF COLORED AFFAIRS NOMINALLY UNDER MRS. JANSEN BUT WITH THE DECISIONS EMANATING FROM THE WHITE-LED ADMINISTRATIVE AND POLITICAL STRUCTURES. FURTHER DISCUSSIONS OF SUCH IDEAS AS THE PRIME MINISTER'S CABINET CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE AND STRENGTHENING THE CRC MAY WELL WAIT THE THERON COMMISSION REPORT. THE LABOR PARTY'S EFFORTS TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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